(ग) यदि नहीं,तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम)**: (क) जी,हां,

(ख) जी,हां । जिले में कुल उत्पादन के आधे से अधिक उपज को संचित करने के लिए 7.95 लाख मीटरी टन क्षमता वाले 107 प्रशीत भंडार गृह (कोल्ड स्टोरेज) हैं ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता ।

**Prices of Paracetamol and Corex**

2548. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1722 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a speedy rise in the prices of some medicines like Paracetamol and Corex;

(b) if so, whether the same is as a result of the new drug policy due to which prices of nearly a hundred critical drugs have gone up in the recent post; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Price increase in the case of certain Paracetamol based formulations and Corex cough syrup has come to the notice of the Government. Like in prices of other commodities, some increase in medicine prices is inevitable due to rising costs of inputs. One of the reasons for increase in prices of such decontrolled medicines is increase in the post-manufacturing expenses due to higher trade margins.

(c) Whenever instances of sleep increase in prices of medicines outside price control come to the notice of the Government, the cases are examined to analyse the injustitied increase.

**Import of Books**

2549 SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the depreciation of the external value of the Rupee has seriously affected the import of foreign literature into the country;

(b) the total number of educational, scientific and technical books imported in the country, both on Government and private accounts, since 1990-91; and

(c) whether Government propose to release foreign exchange at subsidised rates to importers of educational books and journals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KM. SEUA): (a) The external value of the Rupee effective from March, '93 is market determined and payments for all imports including imports of foreign literature, are to be made at the market determined rate. Remittances for import of educational books and journals are freely allowed without limit in bona fide cases subject to payment of import duties if applicable.

(b) A Statment is enclosed *(see* below)

(c) The present import policy allows concessions in import duty for imports of educational books and journals. As per the latest export import policy the imports of books, journals, news, magazine and newspapers etc. are freely importable.

**STATEMENT**

*Year-wise quantity and total value of import of books since 1990-91*

| Year | Quantity (in Kgs.) | Total Value of Imports (Rs. in |
|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 12,81,888 | 2286.00 |
| 1991-92 | 8,09,446 | 1423.00 |
| 1992-93 | 13,79,285 | 3443.00 |
| 1993-94 | 10,67,008 | 2662.00 |
| 1994-95 (April '94 to Jan. '95) | 11,51,869 | 2843.00 |

NOTE: SEPARATE CLASSIFIED DATA PERTAINING TO EDUCATIONAL BOOKS ETC. ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND BREAK-UP OF DATA ON GOVT. ACCOUNT AND PRIVATE ACCOUNT IS NOT MAINTAINED.

SOURCE: DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND STATISTICS (M)/0 COMMERCE), CALCUTTA.